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SUBJ: NEW LIST OF KURDISH REFUGEES WISHING TO LEAVE IRAN

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1. SHAFIQ QAZZAZ, KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY REP IN TEHRAN, DE-
LOVERED TO EMBASSY AUGUST 21 NEW LIST OF KURDS DESIRING
TO EMIGRATE FROM IRAN. LIST CONTAINS 356 HEADS OF FAMILY AND
346 DEPENDENTS, FOR TATAL OF 702 PERSONS. CROSS-CHECK OF NAMES
ON NEW LIST HAS NOT YET BEEN MAD WITH PREVIOUS ONES, BUT MANY
OF NAMES ARE OBVIOUSLY NEW. OF EMBASSY'S
EARLIER LIST OF SOMETHING OVER 400 REFUGEES, ONLY SOME 106
PRINCIPALS AND 87 DEPENDENTS REMAIN AS ACTIVE POSSIBILITIES,
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HENCE WE BELIEVE NEW LIST TO BE ALL-INCLUSIVE AND TO GIVE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EMIGRES. (NOTE THAT NUMBER OF
FAMILIES IS LESS THAN HALF THAT GIVEN IN REFTEL A.) QAZZAZ
NOTED THAT OUR OF 702 PEOPLE LISTED, 87 ARE PROFESSIONAL

PEOPLE AND 163 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR FORMER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, THUS MAKING THEM GOOD CANDIDATES FOR RESETTLEMENT.

2. QAZZAZ STATES AUSTRIA HAS AGREED TO TAKE 100 REFUGEE FAMILIES, BUT AUSTRIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS TOLD HIM IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS AND IS WAITING FOR UNHCR TO TAKE ACTION. WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNHCR REP LESLIE GOODYEAR AT OFFICE IN GABORONE, BOTSWANA STATING THAT GOI HAS ASKED HIS ORGANIZATION TO HELP WITH KURDISH REFUGEE PROBLEM AND HE WILL RETURN TEHRAN AS SOON AS DEFINITE FOREIGN OFFERS TO ACCEPT KURDS ARE RECEIVED. WE WONDER IF GOODYEAR WILL NOW COME TO PROCESS REFUGEES BOUND FOR AUSTRIA.

3. ACCORDING QAZZAZ GOI IS MISMANAGING RESETTLEMENT OF KURDS, IN ONE CASE SENDING 1700 ILL-EQUIPPED REFUGEES TO DASHT-E-MORQAB NEAR SHIRAZ WHERE THEY WERE FORCED TO PICK COTTON AND LATER WENT ON STRIKE. GIO COMMITTEE DEALING WITH REFUGEES ASKED QAZZAZ TO MEDIATE. SOME 1200 OTHERS ARE IN KARAJ AREA WEST OF TEHRAN, MANY CROWDED TOGETHER IN QUARTERS TAKEN FROM IRANIAN VILLAGERS. HE ALSO MENTIONED A REPORT ABOUT A GROUP OF KURDS BEING FORCED TO RETURN TO IRAQ EH WHEN MEMBERS REFUSED TO ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT, A REPORT SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMED BY A GENDARMERIE SOURCE. BECAUSE OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN SETTLING KURDS, QAZZAZ BELIEVES GOI WILL COOPERATE WITH MOVES TO SEND KURDS TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERPRETS GOI'S REQUEST FOR GOODYEAR'S SERVICES AS PROOF.

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